

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, each of the independent claims, i.e. claims 10, 37, 57 and 62-65, has been amended to require that the monolayer film/composition contains, as an essential component, a water-dispersible polyacrylate or a water-dispersible carboxyvinyl copolymer, which is based on the disclosure at page 4, lines 16-18 of the specification.

Claims 19, 31 and 53 have been amended to be consistent with the amended independent claims from which they ultimately depend.

Claim 66 has been cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 37.

New claims 67-73 have been added to the application. These new claims specify that the water-dispersible polyacrylate is polyacrylic acid or a methyl methacrylate copolymer, which is based on the disclosure at page 4, lines 17-18 of the specification.

The patentability of the presently claimed invention after entry of the foregoing amendments, over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims will be apparent upon consideration of the following remarks.

Thus, the rejection of claims 10-18, 20-21, 23, 26-27, 57-58 and 62-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Majeti (US '554) in view of Pullen et al. (US '682), as well as the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Majeti in view of Pullen et al. and further in view of Pader (US '841), the rejection of claims 22, 29, 31, 33-40, 53-56 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Majeti in view of Pullen et al. further in view of Acharya (US '094) and the rejection of claims 52, 59 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Majeti in view of Pullen et al. and Acharya and further in view of Dam (US '574) and Stanley et al. (US '207), are respectfully traversed.

As indicated above, all of the independent claims in the application have been amended to require that the monolayer film (claims 10, 57 and 62-65) and composition (claim 37) contain, as an essential component, a water-dispersible polyacrylate or a water-dispersible carboxyvinyl copolymer. It is Applicants' position that none of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims discloses or suggests a monolayer film or composition of these independent claims which contains this additional essential component. In view of this, Applicants

respectfully submit that all of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner should be withdrawn.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection has been overcome, placing the application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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